(b) the items in which we are going to participate and the participants selected for th Olympic games, athletic events, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (DR. M.S. GILL): (a) The Sports Authority of India (SAI) is assisting the National Sport Federations (NSFs) in the preparation of elite athletes. The areas of assistance include th conduct of coaching camps, scientific and equipment support, and the engagement of foreig coaches. Apart from the above, Government is providing full support to the medal probable in terms of need based personalized training and competition exposure.

(b) 28 sportspersons belonging to 7 disciplines, *viz.*, shooting, athletics, archery, boxing swimming, wrestling, table tennis have qualified so far to participate in Beijing Olympic Games 2008, the discipline-wise-up is as follows:

Shooting	9
Athletics	5
Archery	4
Boxing	5
Swimming	1
Wrestling	2
Table Tennis	2

More players are likely to qualify. The final number of sportspersons belonging to different disciplines will be known after all qualifying rounds are over.

Preparation for Law and Order during Commonwealth Games

†3387. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of preparations made so far to maintain law and order during the period Commonwealth Games 2010 are held;

(b) whether all Metro projects are likely to be operational by 2010 in order to facilitate transportation in Delhi;

(c) whether Government is considering to impart special training to taxi and rickshaw drivers of Delhi so that they are able to have better communication with foreign guests; and

(d) the details of likely provisions for accommodation, fooding, transportation and catering facilities to the visitors during the period the games are to be held?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (DR. M.S. GILL): (a) Appropriate comprehensive security measures have been planned for maintaining law and order during the Commonwealth Games, 2010. These measures would include stringent access control, effective anti-sabotage checks, deployment of anti-terrorists teams etc.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) Yes, Sir. All Metro lines planned up to Phase II will be operational by September, 2010.

(c) Yes, Sir. In addition to training of drivers of TSRs, Taxis, Buses etc., Delhi Police have envisaged a Special Training Programme for ingraining courtesy and politeness in the police personnel in the discharge of their duties, specially during the Commonwealth Games.

(d) Arrangements are being made to appropriately augment the existing availability of hotel rooms by 30,000 hotel rooms, including bed & breakfast Scheme, for the visitors of Commonwealth Games. For the visiting contingents of various countries, Games Village is being constructed with in house facilities of lodging, fooding and catering. The transportation arrangements would comprise of additional low floor shuttle buses to link with Airport, Radia and other important locations; operationalization of new metro lines; park and ride facilities; and construction of new bridges/flyovers; improvement of roads etc.

Amount for Sports Infrastructure

3388. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the allocation and utilization of funds during the last three years for development of sports and sports infrastructure;

(b) whether a meagre sum of 62 crores has been allocated for training sportspersons for Commonwealth Games, 2010;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government for sending sports team abroad for training and participation in international events?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (DR. M.S. GILL): (a) The details of budget allocation at Revised Estimate stage and actual expenditure under various schemes/programmes of this Ministry for the development of sports and sports infrastructure during the last three years are given at the Statement (*see* below).

(b) No, Sir. Rs. 62 crores was provided during 2007-08 for assistance to National Sports Federations for various activities, including training of athletes. For the Commonwealth Games, a separate scheme has been worked out titled "Preparation of Indian Teams for Commonwealth Games 2010".

(c) Does not arise.

(d) After extensive discussions with National Sports Federations, a programme for providing training, foreign exposure, scientific backup, equipment etc. of high standard has been drawn up for the elite athletes who will represent India in the Commonwealth Games, 2010. Current estimates indicate an expenditure of Rs. 775.00 crores for this training over the period 2008-09 to 2010-11, out of which expenditure on foreign exposure would be substantial so that the elite athletes could get the best in terms of training and foreign competitions.